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SUBJECT: USE OF TUNISIAN DINARS FOR INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL

REF: (A) 76 TUNIS 6784, (B) 76 TUNIS 5486, (C) 76 TUNIS 5412

1. DIRECTOR OF AIR FRANCE, TUNISIA, INFORMED EMBASSY THAT, BECAUSE OF DELAY ENCOUNTERED CONVERTING DINARS TO OTHER CURRENCIES THROUGH CENTRALBANK AND PER INSTRUCTIONS FROM THEIR PARIS HEADQUARTERS, THEY WOULD NO LONGER BE ABLE TO ISSUE TICKETS PAYABLE IN DINARS FOR AIR TRAVEL NOT PERFORMED AT LEAST PARTIALLY ON AIR FRANCE.

2. ASSUME THAT THIS CHANGE IN POLICY BY AIR FRANCE WILL ALSO APPLY TO THEIR WASHINGTON OFFICE ACCEPTING US OWNED DINARS FOR OFFICIAL TRAVEL TO AND THROUGH TUNISIA, AS OUTLINED PARA 3 REF (A). HOWEVER IF PART OR ALL OF TRAVEL IS PERFORMED USING AIR FRANCE WOULD ALSO ASSUME THAT THEIR WASHINGTON OFFICE COULD ACCEPT GTR'S PAYABLE IN DINARS FOR SUCH TRAVEL.

3. IN LIGHT OF NEW AIR FRANCE POLICY EMBASSY CONTACTED LOCALALITALIA OFFICE REGARDING POSSIBILITY THEIR AGAIN ACCEPTING DINAR TICKETING PROCEDURE. FOR REASONS UNKNOWN TO EMBASSY, ALITALIA TUNIS HAS REVERSED ITS EARLIER POLICY
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AND IS AGAIN READY TO ISSUE TICKETS PAYABLE IN DINARS FOR TRAVEL FULLY CONSISTENT WITH USG TRAVEL REGULATIONS WITH HOPE TRAVELERS WILL UTILIZE ALITALIA WHERE AND WHEN POSSIBLE.

4. DO NOT SEE ABOVE EVENTS AFFECTING SURPLUS FOREIGN CURRENCY PROGRAM (SFCP) TRAVEL UNDER GAO DECISION B-184136

AS BOTH AIR FRANCE AND ALITALIA AGREEABLE ACCEPT DINARS
FOR TRAVEL PERFORMED ON THEIR RESPECTIVE LINES.
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